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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Enclosed for the Examiner's information is a copy of the International Search Report. Applicant notes references 4,369,113 and 6,384,369 B1 also listed in the search report were previously cited to or by the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in an International Search Report mailed September 6, 2004.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	4,424,128	01/03/1984	Shinaver			
	4,770,678	09/13/1988	Haslett, Jr.			
	5,354,362	10/11/1994	Sowinski			
	5,843,284	12/01/1998	Waters et al.			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	WO 99/56856	11/11/1999	PCT				

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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